

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) An isolated antigen presenting vesicle free from its natural surroundings, said vesicle comprising:

a membrane, a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) Class II protein, and one or more ~~at least partially~~ processed antigens bound to said MHC Class II protein, wherein said antigen presenting vesicle is obtainable from the extracellular milieu of a B lymphocyte.

14. (currently amended) The antigen presenting vesicle according to Claim 13, wherein said vesicle is obtained by the step of recovering a 70,000 x g pellet obtained by differential centrifugation of membrane-containing fractions of cell culture media ~~or lysates~~ of B lymphocytes containing said MHC Class II protein.

15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended) An isolated antigen presenting vesicle free from its natural surroundings, said vesicle comprising:

a membrane, a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) Class II protein, and one or more ~~at least partially~~ processed antigens bound to said MHC Class II protein, wherein said antigen presenting vesicle is obtained by the step of recovering a 70,000 x g pellet obtained by differential centrifugation of membrane-containing fractions of cell culture media ~~or lysates~~ of B-lymphocytes containing said MHC Class II protein.

17. (canceled)

18. (new) The isolated antigen according to Claim 13, wherein said isolated antigen is obtained from the extracellular milieu of said B lymphocyte.
19. (new) The isolated antigen according to Claim 18, wherein said extracellular milieu is cell culture media.
20. (new) A method for isolating an antigen presenting vesicle vesicle free from its natural surroundings comprising a membrane, a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) Class II protein, and one or more processed antigens bound to said MHC Class II protein, said method comprising:
 - subjecting cell culture media from B lymphocytes containing MHC Class II protein to differential centrifugation; and
 - recovering a 70,000 g pellet from said differential centrifugation, whereby said antigen presenting vesicles are isolated.